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CAROUSEL-STYLE DISPENSER)
APPARATUS, SENSOR METHOD)
AND SYSTEM WITH PROXIMITY)
SENSOR)

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Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the enclosed PTO-1449.

The U.S. patents were submitted in the parent application. Applicants include a copy of each foreign reference and a full translation of the FR 2,583,729 and DE 3,342,921 patents, which were translated by Global Language Services, located at 2027 Las Lunas Street, Pasadena, California 91107, along with PTO Form 1449 disclosing all of the foregoing information.

French Patent 2,539,293 appears to be equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 4,552,315 and French Patent 2,771,620 appears to be equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,363,824.

All applicable presumptions and reservations afforded by 37 CFR 1.56 et seq. regarding disclosure are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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